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SUBJECT: CARICOM CONCERNOVER STATUS OF PUERTO RICAN DELEGATE
TO CARIBBEAN HEALTH MINISTERS CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 128760 (B) NASSAU 1063 OF 6/17/74
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1. ON JUNE 5, CHIEF OF CARICOM HEALTH SECTION, DR. BOYD, PHONED EMBOFF TO ASK FOR GUIDANCE ON PUERTO RICAN DELEGATE TO CARIBBEAN HEALTH MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN KINGSTON JUNE 16-20. BOYD SAID CARICOM HAD RECEIVED "COMMUNICATION" FROM PUERTO RICO ON MAY 30 REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE. EMBOFF INFORMED BOYD (PER REF A) THAT PUERTO RICAN DELEGATE WOULD BE INCLUDED IN US OBSERVER DELEGATION. BOYD REPLIED THAT HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT PUERTO RICANS WERE NOT AWARE PUERTO RICAN DELEGATE WOULD BE INCLUDED IN US DELEGATION. BOYD SAID HE WOULD ADVISE PUERTO RICANS THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY "US AUTHORITIES" THAT PUERTO RICAN DELEGATE WOULD BE INCLUDED IN US DELEGATION.

2. IN RESPONSE TO OTHER QUESTIONS, EMBOFF FURTHER ADVISED BOYD THAT AT CONFERENCE PUERTO RICAN DELEGATE SHOULD BE SEATED WITH US DELEGATION AND IN CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS PUERTO RICO SHOULD BE LISTED WITH US. BOYD SAID HE HOPED EMBARRASSMENT CAUSED BY SEPARATE SEATING OF PUERTO RICO LAST YEAR COULD BE AVOIDED THIS YEAR. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT CONFUSION CAUSED BY LAST MINUTE NAMING OF US DELEGATION POSED PROBLEM. BOYD AGAIN REQUESTED THAT HE BE PROVIDED WITH NAMES OF DELEGATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN KINGSTON BE INFORMED OF THEIR ARRIVAL TIMES.

FYI. BOYD LEAVES FOR KINGSTON ON TUESDAY JUNE 10.

3. IN VIEW OF SEPARATE SEATING PROBLEM WHICH OCCURRED LASTYEAR
(REF B) DEPARTMENT SHOULD ENSURE THAT THERE IS PROPER LIAISON WITH
PUERTO RICAN AUTHORITIES ON HEALTH CONFERENCE DELEGATION.
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